

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 9th day of October 1997.

**Grant D. Beale,**

*Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-33,655]

#### White Cap, Incorporated, Hayward, California; Notice of Negative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration

By application of September 17, 1997, the Glass, Molders, Pottery, Plastics & Allied Workers International Union requested administrative reconsideration of the Department's negative determination regarding worker eligibility to apply for trade adjustment assistance, applicable to workers of the subject firm. The denial notice was signed on August 25, 1997 and was published in the **Federal Register** on September 17, 1997 (62 FR 48887).

Pursuant to 29 CFR 90.18(c) reconsideration may be granted under the following circumstances:

- (1) If it appears on the basis of facts not previously considered that the determination complained of was erroneous;
- (2) if it appears that the determination complained of was based on a mistake in the determination of facts not previously considered; or
- (3) if in the opinion of the Certifying Officer, a misinterpretation of facts or of the law justified reconsideration of the decision.

The request for reconsideration claims that customers of the subject firm were being serviced by products made in Mexico.

In order for the Department to issue a worker group certification, all of the group eligibility requirements of Section 222 of the Trade Act must be met. Review of the investigation findings show that criterion (3) was not met. Layoffs at the subject firm were the result of the consolidation of metal bottle and jar cap production from the subject firm into two other company-owned plants located domestically.

#### Conclusion

After review of the application and investigative findings, I conclude that there has been no error or misinterpretation of the law or of the

facts which would justify reconsideration of the Department of Labor's prior decision. Accordingly, the application is denied.

Signed at Washington, DC this 27th day of October 1997.

**Grant D. Beale,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Proposed Extension Collection; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden will be approximately 10 hours per annual response and we anticipate 56 responses with no capital/start-up costs, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Employment and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension collection of the Planning Guidance and Instructions for Submission of Annual State Plans for the Welfare-to-Work Formula Grants.

A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before January 5, 1998.

The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the

proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

**ADDRESSES:** U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, ATTENTION: Janice Davis, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room S-5513, Washington, D.C. 20210, 202-219-0181 extension 155 (this is not a toll free number) and/or via e-mail [davisj@doleta.gov](mailto:davisj@doleta.gov); fax number is 202-219-0376.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

The Balanced Budget Act of 1997, signed by the President on August 5, 1997, authorized the U.S. Department of Labor to provide Welfare-to-Work (WtW) Grants to States and local communities to provide transitional employment assistance to move Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipients with significant employment barriers into unsubsidized jobs providing long-term employment opportunities. In order to receive formula grant funds, the statute provides that the State must submit a plan for the administration of the WtW grant. This Planning Guidance and Instructions for Submission of Annual State Plans addresses the information required from States which will enable them to qualify for the formula grant funds. Separate guidance will be issued for both the grants to the Indian tribes and the competitive grants.

##### II. Current Actions

This request has currently been approved under an emergency clearance not to exceed March 31, 1998, this extension is needed in order to complete the collection of this information.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Employment and Training Administration.

*Title:* Planning Guidance and Instructions for Submission of Annual State Plans for Welfare-to-Work Formula Grants.

*OMB Number:* 1205-0382.

*Affected Public:* State and local governments.